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Applicant: BROWN ET AL. )  
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Title: REMOTE GENERATION AND )  
DISTRIBUTION OF )  
COMMAND PROGRAMS FOR )  
PROGRAMMABLE DEVICES )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, line 6 and before "TECHNICAL FIELD", please insert the following paragraph:

**•RELATED APPLICATIONS**

**A1**  
This application claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/181,577 filed 02/10/00, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/944,529 filed

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